



Papillon House School Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 - Friday 25th September 2026



Dear Parents/Guardians,

We held our first School Council meeting this academic year with pupils from Woodland, Peacock and Meadow classes acting as representatives for their peers. These meetings are important and gives opportunity for pupils to come together, share ideas and views to make a difference to our school.

Staff enjoyed a well-deserved coffee and cake this morning for our Macmillan coffee morning. With the help of Emperor pupils, staff were served with teas, coffee and a choice of delicious cakes! Papillon have raised over £50 for Macmillan, a great cause I'm sure you'd agree.

Sadly we said a sad farewell to Lucy (Woodland Class) who leaves us to start her journey to study physiotherapy at university. We wish her all the very best for this exciting new chapter.



Primary Department News

Woodland Class read *Giraffes Can't Dance* this week and took part in a variety of engaging activities linked to the story, including mark making and a fine motor activity. Our RISE core word was "yes", and the children especially enjoyed making bubbles and using the word "yes" to request more. We also enjoyed a trip to Preston Park, where the children had great fun exploring and playing on the equipment. Swimming was another highlight of the week, with lots of smiles and excitement from all the children as they splashed and played in the pool.

Meadow Class have been enjoying the sun this week with outdoor activities at Leigh Play Park and horse riding. Our English has been based on *Elmer the Elephant* and we explored colours through paint mixing and coloured scarves. We made beautiful Elmers using lots of glitter and paint too. Children focussed on 'n' and 'm' in our phonics lessons using crunchy noodles to make a nest for our toy duck and a monkey mashing meatballs! In KUW, we listened to Handa's Surprise and explored avocado, oranges and bananas, whilst in cooking we used flour and cereals to learn about the journey wheat takes from farm to spoon. In our maths sessions we have been investigating 'more' and 'less' and have been practising taking turns with friends in PSHE.

Peacock Class went to Preston Park on Monday and enjoyed playing on the swings and zip wire. Peacock Class had a great swim session at Dorking on Tuesday, practising blowing bubbles and kicking their feet. In our World Views session we learnt about Hannukah and the importance of the eight candles and what they symbolise. Peacock Class have been exploring different poems including one about Dragons and one about Noahs Ark. We made sets of objects in our maths sessions. We had great fun in PE today, matching the coloured balls to the right coloured hoops and also took turns during parachute games.

Reminders and Requests

We would like to remind all parents and carers that if your child/young person is going to be absent from school, please could you let the office know (either by email or telephone) **before 9am**. Thank you.

Photo Gallery



Secondary Department News

Skipper Class have enjoyed taking part in lots of different activities this week. During our RISE session, Skipper enjoyed playing 'Pop Up Pirate' and practised excellent turn-taking skills with their peers. We also had a fantastic assembly with Alex this week where we learned about Judaism, and even had a little dance! Skipper was engaged and enjoyed taking part in the experience. Pupils enjoyed their cycling sessions yesterday and have shown great enthusiasm whilst taking part.

Monarch Class have continued reading their topic book "My Friend Walter" by Michael Morpurgo and are really enjoying the story all about Bess making friends with a ghost of Sir Walter Raleigh. Additionally, the class have started creating their Cauliflower Cards for Christmas this week as well as learning about world diets and foods in their Food Tech lessons. Lastly, this week Monarch Class enjoyed a trip to Meadowbank Park in Dorking on Thursday and are really gelling as a class group! Tuesday's swimming lesson was the best so far this term, and nearly all pupils in Monarch class jumped in the pool from the side with the help of the swimming teacher.

Admiral Class enjoyed playing basketball and tennis at Walton on the Hill this week, transferring skills that we have learnt from our tennis lessons at Ebbisham. We also enjoyed a trip to Betchworth kiln this week to investigate the types of rocks that are in the area which links to our science topic. In our cooking lesson we made vegetable kebabs using chopped mushrooms, tomatoes and onions. Admiral Class started to look into different myths during our topic session and the reasons of how myths start.

Emperor Class enjoyed a photography trip to Box Hill this week. Each student had their own iPad to take photographs, which they later edited as part of the Developing ICT Skills ASDAN unit they are currently working on. During the trip, we also incorporated some functional money skills. The students were given some money to purchase their own snack from 'Tash's Tuck Shop', which she had set up in the woods! In Science, Michael and Archie did a fantastic job of labelling the human body. Well done, both!



Our Primary "Stars" this week are:

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| Woodland Class | Viktor for "amazing swimming and settling well into Woodland Class." |
| Meadow Class | Nevaeh for "making some wonderful potions with the fruits that Handa had in her story." |
| Peacock Class | Tiana for "excellent concentration in music playing the Boomwhackers." |

Photo Gallery



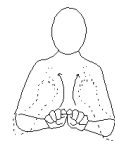
There were no Primary birthdays this week.

Therapy

Well done to everyone in Admiral Class for trying something new in their outdoor sensory circuit session with OT. *Fran Bryne—Occupational Therapist*

Teddy had a very successful Speech and Language Therapy session this week. He was able to combine multiple communication methods whilst engaging with an adult and requesting favourite songs and animals. Teddy verbalised what he wanted, used the communication board as well as single visuals all at the same time! *Monika Persechino, Speech & Language Therapy Assistant*

Well done to Jack, Aiden M, Aahil and Mia from Monarch Class, who all correctly guessed our mystery sign of the week. This week, it was: “different”.



Important Dates

Diary Dates

Below is a list of events taking place in the Autumn Term. Further information will be sent nearer the time. The assembly theme for next week is Harvest.

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday	28th September		Harvest celebrations and assemblies
Monday	5th October	am	School photographer (individual photos)
Monday	12th October	3.30-7pm	Parents' Evening
Friday	16th October	All day	Halloween mufti day
Friday	16th October	3pm	End of half term
Monday	2nd November	9.25am	Start of Autumn Term 2
Thursday	12th November	12.15pm	Mexican themed lunch
Thursday	10th December	All day	Christmas jumper day for Crisis
Monday	14th December	12.15pm	Children's Christmas lunch

Online Safety

If you require advice to help protect your child please click for more information [CEOP Education – Parents and carers section](#). This offers practical advice and information on online safety risks that affect children. Their '[Home Safety Activities](#)' have nice short videos with tips on a range of topics, with supporting activity sheets.

Papillon 'Food Shout-Out'

Well done to Gabrieliuss (*Skipper Class*) for trying some fresh mango.



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Student Council

Attended: Reece (Meadow), Lana (Woodland), Tiana (Peacock), Mia, Alex M and Lily

Apologies: N/A

Introductions: Went around the room introducing ourselves. Everybody said their name and what class they were in/what their role is.

Agenda: Looking at opinions on the new 'snack of the week' in class.

Responses: from the choices, Reece and Lana both said they didn't like the sweetcorn, blackberries or tomatoes. Tiana said she liked sweetcorn, blackberries but not tomatoes.

Class Reps' Ideas:

Tiana likes cooking and numbers in class, the playground and eating in the library so far this year.

Reece has been enjoying his time in Meadow Class and using the computer.

Lana has been enjoying swimming and soft play with Woodland Class.

Closing Note:

Alex thanked everyone for joining.

